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## President's Message

**Ross Kingdon** has advised that all the previously undistributed Free Woods for the year (2012) were mailed in late November. Those that were not previously distributed at the convention or a local meeting or coin show are being mailed in cardboard inserts, for protection, and hopefully they will all arrive safely. I would like to thank **Ross** for all the effort in mailing or distributing the woods. On behalf of myself, **Ross** and all members of CAWMC, I would like to thank everyone who donated free woods in the past and especially in 2012. Contributors for 2012 were **Judy Blackman** (3), **Calgary Numismatic Society** (2), **Dave Gillespie**, and **Neil Probert**.

I would also like to thank Editor **Judy** for all her work in researching and publishing information on wooden nickels. Thanks to her research on woods issued by *Fire Marque Inc.* (as published in November's Timber Talk) I was able to get sufficient wood for inclusion in Timber Talk. I have asked the issuer **Ted Woods** to advise where these woods should be attributed to. **Ted** is a former president of the *Calgary Numismatic Society* and the organization is headquartered in Calgary but the woods have been issued across Ontario. I will advise of his recommendations in January's Timber Talk.

Fall is the time to renew your memberships in all the clubs, including CAWMC, and I encourage you to fill in the renewal forms included in Nov. and Dec.'s Timber Talk. I have received a few renewals and expect to receive more in the near future. Membership renewals should be mailed to CAWMC at my address shown below.

I would like to remind you again that *Timber Talk* is the life-line of our hobby and I continue to ask on behalf of our Editor that you take a few minutes and write a short article for inclusion in the bulletin. The article could be on how you started collecting wood, your favourite wood, how you discovered a new wood, or a request for assistance in identifying a wood in your collection. If anyone wishes to contact me on any issue you can reach me by mail at, Box 2643, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1., by phone at 403-273-6133 or by e-mail at woods5cents@shaw.ca. Good collecting to everyone!

My wife **Marion** and I would like to extend a *Merry Christmas* wish to all members of CAWMC and extend heartfelt wishes for a prosperous 2013.

Al Munro



**Don Antoniak** gave your Editor this fridge magnet promotion wood at the November WCS meeting. It's for the new animal hospital in Waterloo.



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## A SOLDIER'S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

(Original Title is "Merry Christmas, My Friend")



'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,  
 In a one-bedroom house made of plaster and stone.  
 I had come down the chimney, with presents to give  
 And to see just who in this home did live.  
 As I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,  
 no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.  
 No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand.  
 On the wall hung pictures of a far distant land.

With medals and badges, awards of all kind,  
 A sobering thought soon came to my mind.  
 For this house was different, unlike any I'd seen.  
 This was the home of a U.S. Marine.  
 I'd heard stories about them, I had to see more,  
 So I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.  
 And there he lay sleeping, silent, alone,  
 Curled up on the floor in his one-bedroom home.  
 He seemed so gentle, his face so serene,  
 Not how I pictured a U.S. Marine.  
 Was this the hero, of whom I'd just read?  
 Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean-shaven, his weathered face tan.  
 I soon understood, this was more than a man.  
 For I realized the families that I saw that night,  
 Owed their lives to these men, who were willing to fight.  
 Soon around the Nation, the children would play,  
 And grown-ups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.  
 They all enjoyed freedom, each month and all year,  
 Because of Marines like this one lying here.



I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,  
 On a cold Christmas Eve, in a land far from home.  
 Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye.  
 I dropped to my knees and I started to cry.  
 He must have awoken, for I heard a rough voice,  
 "Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice  
 I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more.  
 My life is my God, my country, my Corps."  
 With that he rolled over, drifted off into sleep,  
 I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I watched him for hours, so silent and still.  
 I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.  
 So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,  
 And covered this Marine from his toes to his head.  
 Then I put on his T-shirt of scarlet and gold,  
 With an eagle, globe and anchor emblazoned so bold.  
 And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,  
 And for one shining moment, I was Marine Corps deep  
 inside.

I didn't want to leave him so quiet in the night,  
 This guardian of honor so willing to fight.  
 But half asleep he rolled over, and in a voice clean and  
 pure,

Said "Carry on, Santa, it's Christmas Day, all secure."  
 One look at my watch and I knew he was right,  
 Merry Christmas my friend, Semper Fi and goodnight.







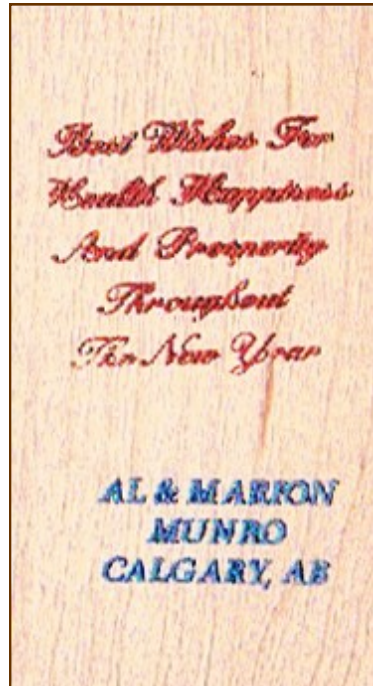
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(\*Deceased)

## A Very Merry Munro Christmas!

Free Wood of the Month of December 2012 reported by Ross Kingdon



our January 2013 issue. Obverse, red and blue 'Seasons Greetings 2012' and reverse also red and blue 'Best Wishes For Health Happiness And Prosperity Throughout The New Year AL & MARION MUNRO CALGARY, AB'.



Al and Marion Munro's Christmas woods were made by Norm Belsten who produced 325 and listed them as catalogue number 8140-421. Norm will be sending scans of the other Christmas woods issued by CAWMC members, for

## Jesus Is The Reason



As goofy George had a habit of giving his wife strange Christmas gifts, she was not surprised when he came one night carrying a tiny, branchless tree. Attached to a lone limb was a shotgun shell.

"All right, George," said his wife, truly stumped this time.

"What is it?"

"Why, honey." George smiled, "it's a cartridge in a bare tree."



What's a sports game without a little pre-game tailgate party? **Bulleit Whiskey** knows that, and their latest creation in collaboration with interior designer Brad Ford and Moore & Giles is certainly a homerun. This curiously refined woody trailer is an exclusive part of **Neiman Marcus' Fantasy Gifts** from the annual **Christmas Book**. Though the exterior may be reminiscent of the past, the interior is what's liable to make for your future nostalgic feelings. There are leather furnishings, entertainment system, flat screen TV and blu-ray player, plus Moore & Giles rich leather details throughout—including special holsters for game cards, dice, etc. Not to mention, a purchase of this \$150,000 luxury woody comes with a one year's supply of Bulleit Bourbon and Bulleit Rye. What a way to tailgate!





## *The Error Birthday Woods of George Fraser* by John Regitko, CAWMC Member #265

Family members and a group of friends of **George Fraser** were invited to attend a surprise reception on Saturday, May 26, 2001 to celebrate his 90th birthday.

My wife (**Monina**) and I presented him with 100 woods which were passed out to everyone at the gathering and to others that were not in attendance. **Norm Belsten** manufactured 150 pieces, of which 50 were retained by me for passing out to members of the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC and others.

**George** was heavily involved with the hobby. He was bourse chairman at the ONA Convention in 1982 in Toronto and display judge in 1983 in Peterborough, also for the ONA. As well, he has served as bourse chairman for the CNA Convention in 1984. He was also a member of the Executive of CPMS and treasurer of the North York Coin Club in the 1970s.

He received recognition from the CPMS for his outstanding dedication and service in 1983 in the form of a plaque that hung on the wall of his suite at the nursing home up to his passing, alongside a number of TICF Exhibit awards from the 1980s (including a "Best of Show" award plaque dated November, 1988). Another plaque, dated December 12, 1985, was received in recognition of his length of service in the North York Coin Club. His wall was also filled with certificates of appreciation, including a number when he served on the CNA's Coin Week Committee in the 1980s. He was honored with the prestigious "Fellow of the ONA" Award in 1994.

**George** also served as bourse chairman for the Toronto International Coin Fair in the 1980s, then Canada's largest coin show, when it was owned/operated by me. He even received a Strip-O-Gram, tastefully delivered at a TICF Reception, when he retired as its bourse chairman. He attended meetings of the North York Coin Club even after he turned 97.

There is only one thing wrong with the woods that **Monina** and I had made up: it has the date of May 26 on it, the day of the reception. **George's** actual date of birth was May 24. I was not aware of this until the woods had been handed out.

This mistake was actually copied on a wood made for his 95th birthday by his daughter, except the "6" was crossed out and a "4" handwritten beside it before any were handed out.



*Your Editor has included more on George on the next page.*

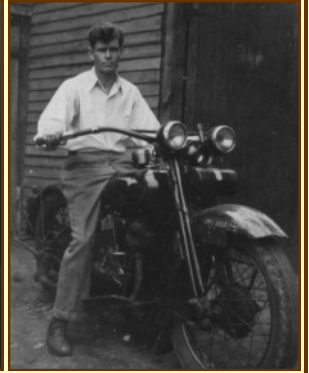


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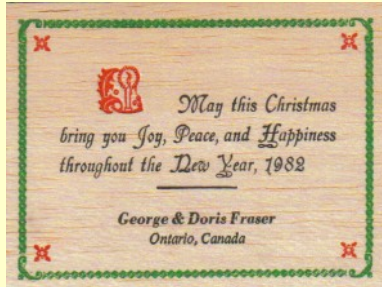
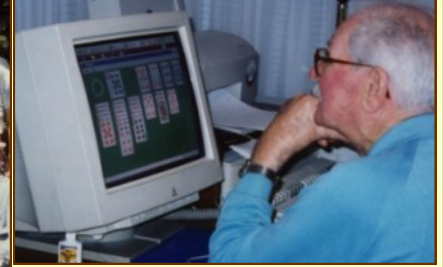
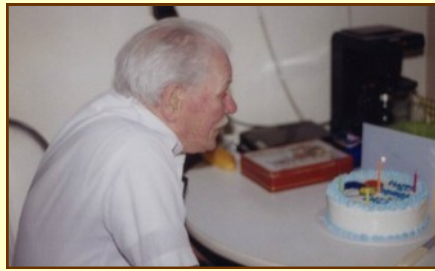




**George Victor Fraser** (1911-2010) passed away peacefully, on November 1, 2010, at Shepherd Lodge, with family by his side. He was survived by his wife of 68 years, **Doris**, daughter **Fern (Bruce) Woodruff**, Londonderry, NH, son **John (Kien)** of Boston, MA, daughter **Karen (Jack) Eaton** of Thornhill, ON and son **G. Richard** of Scarborough, ON. Grandchildren, **Rob (Teresa) Huggins** of Richmond, VA, **Michael Huggins** of Manchester, NH, **Ian Woodruff** of Londonderry, NH, **Angie (Alex) Blake** of Canaan, NH, **Aaron (Kerri) Eaton** of Burlington, ON, **David (Barbara) Fraser** of Merrimack, NH, **Deborah Fraser** of Woburn, MA, seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. **George** was pre-deceased by his son **Charles Vernon** and by brothers **Charles** and **Daniel** and sisters **Agnes** and **Frances**. **George** was born on May 24, 1911 in Porcupine, ON and was a survivor of the Porcupine Fire. He served in the RCAF during WWII and while stationed at Gander, Nfld he was privileged to march in the honour guard for **Sir Frederick Banting**. He worked as a baker at Hunt's Bakery and was known for making wedding and Christmas cakes for friends and family. For most of his working life he was a taxi driver/owner in Toronto. Here are pictures shared by the **Fraser** family, telling a story nearly a century long.





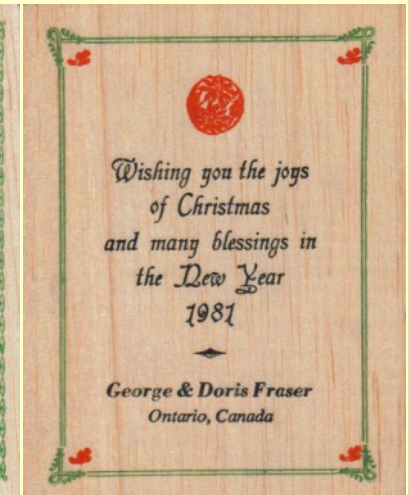
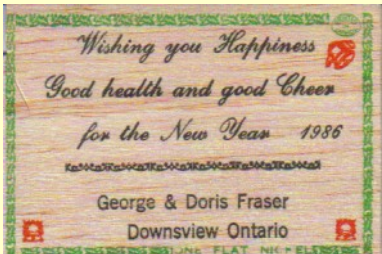
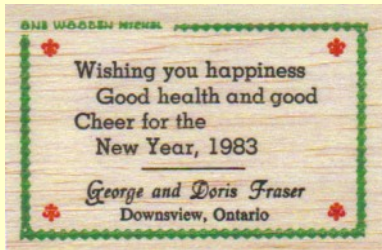


#### Flats:

- \*5900-044 Christmas 1980
- \*5900-135 Christmas 1981
- \*5909-011 Christmas 1982
- \*5909-015 Christmas 1984
- \*5909-017 Christmas 1985

#### Rounds:

- \*5909-012 Christmas 1983
- \*5907-108 60th Anniversary
- \*5907-121 65th Anniversary





## The Oinkster Restaurant Burger Nickels

The Oinkster Restaurant Burger Nickels are laser-cut coupons. Most restaurants run paper or mobile coupons, but the Oinkster in Eagle Rock (California) commissioned 2ndWnd for a series of wooden bburger nickels. The re-usuable burger nickels entitle the bearer to a 50% discount on a regularly priced burger at Oinkster. Oinkster bills itself as 'slow fast food', with menu items that include a barbequed pulled pork sandwich, house-cured pastrami, and 1/3-pound hamburgers and cheeseburgers.



Who says a great meal needs to be a formal affair, the Oinkster, a fast-casual concept from acclaimed fine-dining Chef / Owner Andre Guerrero, invites diners to kick back and enjoy high-quality American classics in a relaxed, modern and fun environment. Occupying the former site of Jim's Burgers on Eagle Rock's newly hip Colorado Boulevard, the Oinkster aims to be Los Angeles' antidote to both, expensive gourmet meals and their cheap fast food counterparts. On the restaurant's \$10-and-under menu that skips high prices in favour of better flavours, quality will be paramount. Premium sandwiches made with house-cured pastrami or 'sloooow-roasted' pork compete for diners' attention with juicy burgers made from freshly-ground Nebraska Angus beef, first-rate rotisserie-roasted chicken and crispy Belgian fries. Fake fast-food cheese are given a pass in favour of scrumptious Gruyere and yummy sharp cheddar; home-made sauces, dressings and spice rubs share the plate with house-made condiments and crunchy veggies. In typical Oinkster-fashion, all remaining culinary needs are addressed in taste and style, too: Each meal can be rounded out with a premium beer, quality wine or one of the restaurant unusual specialty sodas; hand-scooped shakes made with Fosselman's ice-cream and an assortment of handmade cupcakes and desserts tempt the taste buds.

In the world of food, there is always something new and delicious to be discovered. Let's go, find it, and bring it to the table! This go-getter attitude has been Chef Guerrero's motto since he opened the award-winning MAX in Sherman Oaks seven years ago. Only eighteen months after launching MAX, his hungry mind drove him to sink his teeth into a completely different concept. The result: Señor Fred, an equally successful Mexican-themed eatery that helped cement upscale ethnic cuisine as one of L.A.'s dining trends. Always savoring re-invention, Chef Guerrero soon charted a course for new culinary territory. The result, the Oinkster, his take on classic American fare. The Eagle Rock eatery, now tempts Angelenos with his cuisine. Chef Guerrero has won numerous awards and most recently, as a formidable chef, in a partnership with the heralded Chef Gary Manes, Marche in Studio City. Upon opening, it garnered the first, doubtless of many, great notices, a shining review by S. Virbilina in the Los Angeles Times. Whatever the manifestation visit one of Chef Guerrero's restaurant today, you'll be delighted, satisfied and sure to return!

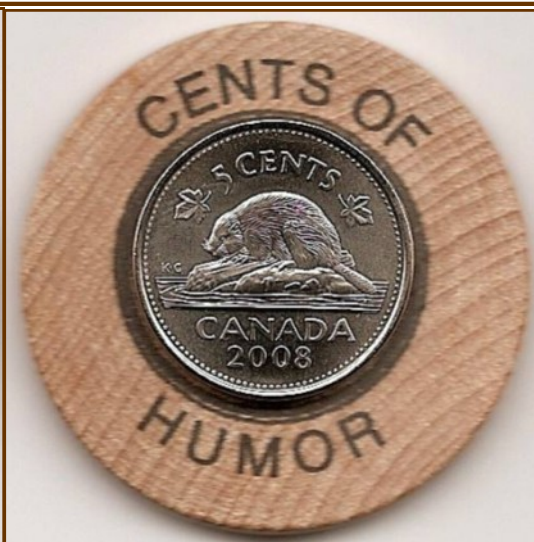




## *The Woods of Matthew Sztym* by John Regitko, CAWMC Member #265

**Matthew Sztym** handed out a few of the above wooden nickels at the 2008 CNA Convention in Ottawa. He stated: "Never take a real nickel glued to a wooden nickel. In the end, it is still a wooden nickel. Good for 100 cents, GST included. Antiques is spelled wrong, though no one cares! They got a free nickel."

The Cents of Humor issue was made by a Texas wooden money manufacturer. **Matthew** won 100 pieces in one of their promotional contests. A U.S. 5-cent coin design is printed on one side by the manufacturer, as illustrated at right.



However, the true issue has a 2008 Canadian 5-cent super-glued over the early U.S. 5-cent coin design by **Matthew**, to commemorate the Royal Canadian Mint's 100th anniversary.

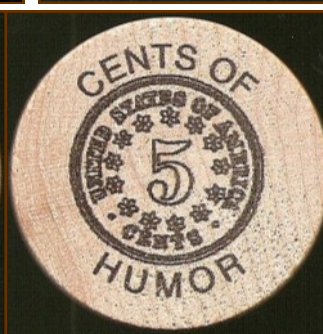
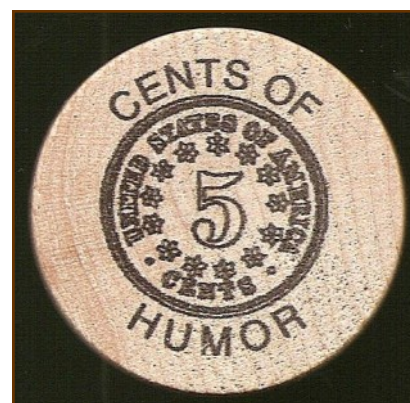
**Matthew's** first issue was just for advertising when he first started selling at flea markets. "It was an easy way for people to remember me," he told me.



At age 14, **Matthew** purchased a pop machine that he set up in a shop. Next, he purchased a candy bar machine that he set up beside the pop machine. Combined, these machines were generating an income of around \$5,000 a year, a pretty amazing amount of money for a 14 year old. He set up at flea markets, antique shows and coin shows. By the age of 17, he renamed his business Rocky Mountain Coin & Antiques. When he was 19, he was offered jobs in the Alberta Legislature, putting his ambition to be a full-time antique dealer on hold.

His first issue from 2004 contains contact information when he was located in Red Deer, Alberta, where he was born in 1989, while the other one contains current contact information.

Dan Gosling photo on left, and Henry Niehuis photo on right (which is **Matt**, with **Tim Henderson** and **Brett Irick** at 2009 RCNA Convention.



**Matthew's** previous business card was issued in 2004, with a mintage of 500 pieces.

**Matthew's** latest wooden business card, of which a quantity of 500 were also produced.



## ***A Dozen for CAWMC Members!*** submitted by Ross Kingdon

Here is a random sample scan of the various 'Free Woods' donated to our CAWMC membership over the past twelve months. A very sincere 'thank-you' goes out to all those who have so generously offered these woods to our members. They include the **Calgary Numismatic Society**, **Judy Blackman** (our Editor), **Al Munro** (our President), and members **Dave Gillespie** and **Neil Probert**. The woods are being mailed out in a protective cardboard insert at the end of this month.







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